



# City of Woodstock Memorial Day Ceremony 2016

<b>MASTER OF CEREMONIES</b>	Otto "Rusty" Rust, Commander	U.S. Air Force, Vietnam Era American Legion Post 316
<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS</b>	River Ridge High School AFJROTC	Major Marlon Ayers U.S.A.F. (Ret.)
<i>"Pledge of Allegiance"</i>	Brandon Beach, Senator	Georgia Legislature, District 21
<i>"The Star-Spangled Banner"</i>	Cobb New Horizons Concert Band	Dr. Charles R. Jackson, Jr., Director
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	Elington Bates, Pastor	Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church Woodstock, GA
<b>MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION</b>	Mayor Donnie Henriques	City of Woodstock, U.S.A.F., Vietnam American Legion Post 316
<i>"POW/MIA Remembrance"</i>	Craig "Doc" McNabb	Marine Corps League, Vietnam The MGen Warren R. Johnson Woodstock Detachment #1311
<i>"The Other Side of the Wall"</i>	John Newport, Commandant	Marine Corps League, Vietnam The MGen Warren R. Johnson Woodstock Detachment #1311
<i>"Going Home"</i>	Richard R. McPhee, Brigadier General	U.S. Army (Ret.)
<i>"In Flanders Field"/Response</i>	Mike Satterly & Grandson-Mikkel Rasmussen	U.S.A.F, American Legion Post 316 Senior Vice Commander
<i>"Red Poppy Proclamation"</i>	Imelda Bush	U.S.A.F., American Legion Post 316 Auxiliary Member Unit 316
<i>"Battle Hymn of the Republic"</i>	Richard McPhee, Brigadier General	U.S. Army (Ret.)
<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b>	William J. Thornton, Brigadier General	U.S. Air Force (Ret.)
<i>"Freedom Is Not Free"</i>	Bob Ekholm	Marine Corps League, Vietnam Era The MGen Warren R. Johnson Woodstock Detachment #1311
<i>"Amber Waves of Grain"</i>	Cobb New Horizons Concert Band	Dr. Charles R. Jackson, Jr., Director
<b>READING OF THE HONOR ROLL</b>	Billy Epps, Junior Vice Commander Bill Thrasher	U.S. Navy, American Legion Post 316 Marine Corps League The MGen Warren R. Johnson Woodstock Detachment #1311
<b>PLACING OF THE WREATH</b>	River Ridge High School AFJROTC Police & Fire Departments Rodney Beauchamp, U.S. Marine Corps William Dingwall, Army Air Corps Frank Lowry, U.S. Army	Major Marlon Ayers U.S.A.F. (Ret.) City of Woodstock Korean War, Vietnam WWII Pacific Theater of Operations WWII Pacific Theater of Operations

<b>PLACING OF THE WREATH cont.</b>	Russell Vaudry, Army Air Corps Jack Wilroy, U.S. Army	WWII Pacific Theater of Operations Korean War
<i>"An American Elegy"</i>	Cobb New Horizons Concert Band	Dr. Charles R. Jackson, Jr., Director
<i>"God Bless America"</i>	Cobb New Horizons Concert Band	Dr. Charles R. Jackson, Jr., Director
<b>RAISING OF THE FLAG</b>	Woodstock Fire Department	Fire Chief, Dave Soumas
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Greg Michael, Pastor	Woodstock Community Church
<b>DEDICATION OF THE DOVE RELEASE RELEASING OF THE DOVES</b>	Nancy Duncan, Woodstock, GA Janine Reece Shane Bonebrake John Robinson Michael White	www.GeorgiaDoves.com Daughter of Chester Reeve 1919-1915 U.S. Army, Woodstock Police Officer Son serving in U.S. Air Force Grandson serving in U.S. Air Force
<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	Richard R. McPhee, Brigadier General	U.S. Army (Ret.)
<b>RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS</b>	River Ridge High School AFJROTC	Major Marlon Ayers U.S.A.F. (Ret.)
<i>"Taps"</i>	Cobb New Horizons Concert Band	Dr. Charles R. Jackson, Jr., Director

*Thank you for your continued support of our Veterans; past, present & future.*

### *White Dove Release Ceremony*

The releasing of Doves raises our eyes up and fills our hearts with Love, Joy, Hope, Peace and Remembrance as symbolized by the White Dove.

This Ceremony is dedicated to all of the Brave men and women who are defending our freedom in our Armed Services today and to their families. We are eternally grateful for their service and we will salute them with a "Three Rifle Volley":

Three Doves Released to honor and recognize their service.

In honor and in loving memory of our fallen comrades who have made the ultimate sacrifice we will pay tribute with a "21 Dove Memorial Day Salute"

Finally, A Single Peace Dove will be released to join our Memorial Day Doves bearing on her wings prayers for lasting Peace throughout our world. Observe as all of the Doves make their ascension and join in winged flight for their journey home, they will all fly in joy and celebration of this Memorial Day Tribute.

Please observe a moment of silence as the Doves disappear into the heavens.

The flight of the Doves and Taps will conclude this program.

The Park at City Center  
Woodstock, Georgia  
May 30, 2016



### *Cobb New Horizons Concert Band*

A charitable non-profit organization for senior adults who are at least 50 years old. If you want to learn more about the group to secure their services or to consider joining the group, go to [www.cobbnewhorizonsband.com](http://www.cobbnewhorizonsband.com) for more information or speak to a member.

### *Retired Flag Drop Boxes*

Collection boxes are located in the parking lot of the William G. Long Senior Center (223 Arnold Mill Rd. Woodstock) and at the Woodstock Memorial in The Park at City Center. Call 678-662-2366 for a location near you. American Legion Post 316 will collect these flags and have a flag retirement ceremony in the spring.

### *TAPS*

Day is done. Gone the sun.  
From the lakes. From the hills.  
From the sky. All is well.  
Safely rest. God is nigh.

Fading light. Dims the sight.  
And a star. Gems the sky.  
Gleaming bright. From afar.  
Drawing nigh. Falls the night.

Thanks and praise. For our days.  
Neath the sun. Neath the stars.  
Neath the sky. As we go.  
This we know. God is nigh.

